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FAIR AND MILD TODAY.
WEDNESDAY—SHOWERS.

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OTTAWA EXPECTS WILLIAMS' REPRIEVE TODAY

Street Railway Officials Believed Ready To Sell Line

MURRELL, TOPPING TO FACE GALLOWS FOR TWO MURDERS

Cabinet Council Definitely Decides Two Condemned Men Must Go to Their Deaths—Governor-General Reported Ready To Sign Reprieve For Williams—"Slim" Will Go To Prison For Life.

PREPARATION NEARING COMPLETION AT JAIL

Special to The Advertiser
Ottawa, April 8.—That Henry J. (Slim) Williams, who was associated with Sidney Ernest Murrell in the murder of Russell Campbell at Melbourne, Ont., near London, will be saved from the gallows is practically sure. Unofficially it was learned this morning that the governor-general has consented to sign a reprieve, but that Williams will go to life imprisonment. An announcement to this effect is likely to be issued today.

The cabinet council, the minister of justice announces, has decided that there will be no interference in the capital cases of Topping, who murdered his sweetheart, and of Murrell, both of whom will be executed at London on Thursday.



H. J. ("SLIM") WILLIAMS, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Russell Campbell, whose reprieve is expected to be signed by the governor-general today.

"HONORABLE GEORGE" GETS IMPORTANT MISSIVE

They will keep referring to the mayor as the "Honorable George." Another communication reached the city hall from Detroit, bearing the inscription "Hon. George Wenig."

"On to Ottawa," was the mayor's jocular explanation. They were writing to find definitely if I was to be a Tory candidate at the next election. They had heard a rumor to that effect.

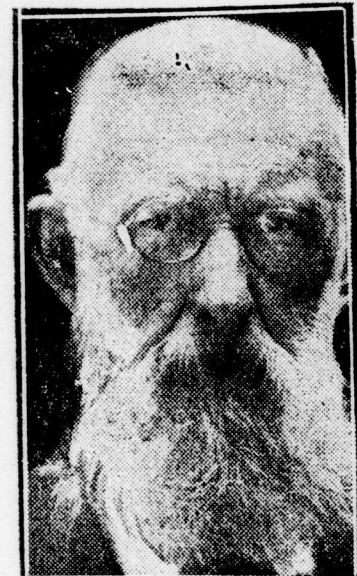
The mayor added that he "hadn't made up his mind whether he would run or not," and if so, with what party.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fine.
Wednesday—
Fresh to strong winds; mild, with showers.
Pressure is high over Newfoundland, the Great Lakes and the Pacific Coast, while a fairly deep depression is centered off New England, and a trough of low extends from Manitoba to the Southwest States.
Showers have occurred in many sections of the West and near the Bay of Fundy, and a fairly heavy snowfall has occurred in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 56. 42. Clear.
Calgary. 44. 24. Fair.
Winnipeg. 42. 30. Cloudy.
Port Arthur. 38. 32. Snow.
Sault Ste. Marie. 46. 38. Cloudy.
Toronto. 50. 33. Clear.
Kingston. 42. 32. Clear.
Ottawa. 56. 36. Cloudy.
Montreal. 34. 32. Snow.
Quebec. 36. 32. Cloudy.
St. John. 40. 32. Snow.
Halifax. 38. 32. Rain.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night, were: Highest, 48; lowest, 28.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 46; lowest, 26.
Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 a.m.—29.13.
Today—8 a.m.—29.20.



PROFESSOR J. MAVOR, Ph. D., who is to be the principal guest and speaker at the third annual banquet of the History and Political Science Club at the University of Western Ontario on April 15.

DOUGLASS WOULD CONTINUE WORK

Finance Chairman Contends the Paving Program Should Not Be Halted.

Now that the Ontario Legislature has definitely refused to sanction the street railway portion of the City of London bill, Chairman Leonard Douglass of the finance committee would proceed with the city's 1924 paving program and leave the street railway's track allowance unpaid.

And he will move to that effect in the city council, if similar action is not forthcoming in the interim from Chairman Greer and his associates on the board of works.

"We should pave the streets outlined by the engineer and already authorized for construction this spring," he stated. "This program includes Oxford street, west and east and the Wharfedale road. I understand that Dundas street west has been petitioned against."

"It would be advisable under the circumstances to leave the center of the road for the street railway to pave at a future date or not at all, as they see fit."

"This course would not have been practical for Richmond street, however, as suggested by Sir Adam Beck, or any other main thoroughfare, in view of the heavy traffic. The situation is entirely different on Oxford street and in West London."

REFUGE LIQUOR PROBE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

Investigation Not Expected To Uncover Anything of a Startling Nature.

The House of Refuge committee appointed to enquire into the consumption of liquor at the Strathroy institution for the year 1923, is meeting this afternoon in the county buildings under the chairmanship of W. S. Laidlaw.

Press representatives were informed this morning that they would not be allowed to attend the meeting.

Nothing of a startling nature has yet been uncovered in the matter and keeping bringing in a report recommending that very little liquor be kept at the institution at any time, it is not expected that the probe will have any value.

Aviators Resume Flight Thursday

Four United States Planes Will Start For Alaska.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Prince Rupert, B. C., April 8.—That all four of the United States round-the-world fliers will hop off on Thursday morning is now the expectation, with Sikka, Alaska, as the next objective.

Major Frederick L. McMartin's plane, which suffered damage when alighting on arrival from Seattle, will be repaired by Wednesday, it is stated.

SOUTH AFRICAN SENATE TO CONTINUE IN POWER

Associated Press Despatch.
Cape Town, South Africa, April 8.—It is officially stated that dissolution will apply to the legislative assembly only and that the senate will carry on, as it is empowered to do under the constitution.

This gives rise to a curious position as Premier Smuts has a majority in the senate.

CHURCH BILL IS SENT BY COMMITTEE TO COMMONS

Decision That Notice Had Been Sufficient Declared on Division.

PRESENT ARGUMENTS

Counsel For Advocates and Opponents Put Up Strong Fight.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 8.—The petition for the church union bill was today reported to the House of Commons by the standing orders committee, which decided, on division, that the notice had been sufficient.

The church union issue came before the standing orders committee of the House of Commons this morning. There was an array of counsel present on both sides of the question. For the advocates appeared Aime Geoffrin, K. C., Montreal; G. W. Mason, K. C., Toronto, and Alex. Smith, K. C., Ottawa. For the opponents were Eugene Lafleur, K. C., and G. A. Campbell, K. C., Montreal; F. H. Chrisher, K. C., A. T. Thompson, K. C., George MacDonnell, K. C., Norman Guthrie, and H. M. Daly, all of Ottawa.

The committee plunged almost immediately into the middle of the question. Chairman Parent stated the purpose of the meeting, and then on motion of William Duff, Liberal, amendments were called on to present the case.

First came F. H. Chrisher, K. C., who argued that the notice of the church union petition was not sufficient. The bill to be passed, he claimed, was one that affected the property rights of the church and the rights of the laity in every locality when there was property concerned.

He pointed out that church property was not held by the church at large, but by local congregations and the few days' extension of the notice required notice to all property-owners. Yet in this province of Ontario, for example, the only notice given was in the Toronto Globe and the Toronto Mail and Empire, five notices in each.

Mr. Chrisher contended that it was not a question of whether people knew that the church union bill was to come before parliament. It was a question whether the rule of the house had been complied with.

Mr. Chrisher further raised the issue that Dr. Gandier, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, had no right to sign the petition for the Presbyterian Church. But he expressed a willingness to have this question threshed out before the prime minister.

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ENGINEER ADVISES AGAINST AUTO TRIPS

Sections of County Roads Now Impassable, Charles Talbot Declares.

County Engineer Charles Talbot advises motorists to confine their trips to city streets for the next week at least. The engineer reports that the provincial highway from Thamesford to London is almost impassable, where it is not paved. The same conditions prevail on the highway between Lambeth and Delaware, where car after car became stuck in the mud yesterday.

"All the unpaved roads are in the same shape," declared Mr. Talbot. "I would not advise motorists to make any trips into the country at the present time."

MISSION AT ST. MARTIN'S INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

The mission for St. Martin's Church during Holy Week and for which extensive preparations have been in progress since the beginning of Lent, has been indefinitely postponed. The missionary fathers, after weeks of waiting for definite information, obtained by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Forester, last night from Rt. Rev. F. Fallon, have accepted appeals for assistance in Toronto and Halifax.



BRIG.-GEN. CHARLES DAWES, head of the committee of reparations experts, whose report according to Paris Le Matin, denies a moratorium to Germany, the experts claiming that country quite capable of meeting her obligations to the allied powers.

KINNEAR APPEALS AGAINST ALIMONY

Toronto Man Claims Judgment Awarded on Evidence That Was Inadmissible.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 8.—Acting on behalf of Russell Kinnear, his counsel, Messrs. Regan and Callahan, have entered an appeal at Osgoode Hall against the verdict of Mr. Justice Kelly, awarding alimony of \$18 a week to his wife, Mrs. Kinnear, on the contention that much of the evidence admitted at the trial of the swollen in the alimony action, for \$250,000 damages, on the charge that he alienated the affections of his wife, Russell Kinnear's, wife.

Floods Causing Great Damage

Rivers in Eastern States Overflow Banks.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, April 8.—Flood conditions resulting from the heavy rains of the past few days extend over parts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Damage occasioned by the overflow of the swollen rivers is estimated, according to reports here, at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Train services were discontinued, last night, and the roads were closed throughout the countryside affected by the flood heavy damage was caused to highways and bridges.

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Gigantic Ice Field May Unbalance World's Axis

Dimitric Ivanovici, Fearing Disaster, Sending Letters to Four Governments.

OUTLINES HIS THEORY

Would Build Huge Dam To Divert Present Course of Arctic Current.

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 8.—Fear that an ice cap 10,000 feet thick will crush Greenland and imperil the world by throwing its axis out of balance, has caused Dimitric Ivanovici to despatch a letter to President Coolidge and the Canadian, British and Danish governments.

Ivanovici's letter proposes as a remedy, the construction of a dam three and a half miles long and 139 feet deep across the Fury and Hecla straits, between the Bay of Bothia and Firth Canal, which will turn the cold Arctic current which now races through this northern inlet to Hudson Bay, back upon itself, to be dissipated in already cold northern seas, instead of allowing it to join the Labrador current at the south of the Hudson channel, thereby increasing the Arctic resistance to the warm waters of the Gulf Stream.

The Gulf Stream at present penetrates slightly beyond Cape Farewell at the southern end of Greenland. Mr. Ivanovici says. With Labrador current's resistance cut down by the pruning away of the Arctic current, the warm waters will be able to reach well toward the mid section of Greenland, he believes, and thus melt away excess ice and preserve the earth's balance.

GERMANY IS ABLE TO PAY IS REPORT OF EXPERTS

Reparations Investigators Declare There Is No Need To Grant Moratorium.

MORTGAGE INDUSTRIES

Paris Le Matin Gives Summary of Committee's Findings On Situation.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 8.—Brig.-General Dawes and his fellow reparation experts seem to have attained the objects at which they aimed, declares Le Matin in presenting a summary of the committee's forthcoming report which is accepted here as authoritative.

They achieved this, the newspaper adds, without "passing beyond the limits set for them—that is, without raising the political problem of the occupation of the Ruhr or trying to fix definitely the amount of the German debt, since if the Dawes report gives exact details on the amount of the yearly payments which may be exacted from the Reich, it in no way fixes the number of years which will depend on the budget surplus of the Reich."

The report provides mainly, according to Le Matin, that Germany shall receive no moratorium; a temporary concession will be made of her railroads, a mortgage placed on her industries, and a bureau established to govern the transfer of money from the country in such a manner as to disturb the exchange market as little as possible.

Her annual payments would be tapered upward to keep pace with her economic recovery and financial ability. If financial disorder prevails or delays execution of Germany's financial engagements, the experts provide automatic installation of strict control by the allies, which would be vested with extended powers over the treasury of the Reich.

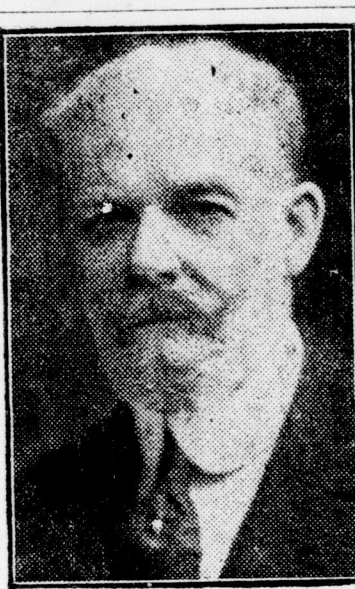
Economic Unity Essential.

In connection with the Ruhr the experts consider the economic re-establishment of Germany can be durable only on one condition, namely, the economic unity of the country must be entirely re-established.

Without raising the question of the military occupation of the Ruhr, the experts indicate that it will be necessary for Germany to resume free disposal of the customs and state industries like the forests, coal mines and railroads in the territory occupied by French troops. The railroad system of the Ruhr and Rhine-land would be under the special supervision of an allied representative.

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PRESIDENT CURRIE HOLDS CONFERENCE



J. G. BEATTY, whose firm, J. G. Beatty & Co., stock brokers, were adjudged bankrupt and a receiving order issued at Osgoode Hall on Saturday.

FOREST COUNCIL MEMBERS QUIT

Four, Including the Reeve and Treasurer, Tender Resignations This Morning.

Special to The Advertiser.

Forest, April 8.—Following last night's council meeting, which was a long and rather stormy one, Reeve Robert Hahn, Councillors Robert Cope and Joseph Duncan and Town Treasurer Charles Douglas handed in their resignations this morning. They gave as their reasons their inability to co-operate with the majority of the council's methods of doing business.

DOWNHAM IS POSITIVE SMALLPOX PREVENTED

All Vaccinations at Children's Shelter Are Reported Successful.

Dr. W. S. Downham, city medical officer of health, is positive that there will be no further cases of smallpox at the Children's Shelter. He finds that vaccination was successful in every instance.

After a visit to the central college and the South London high school, Dr. Downham reports that about 20 children only of 650 are at home by reason of no vaccination precaution.

He considers the local situation normal. Two old cases of smallpox, of six and four weeks duration, are well on their way to complete recovery.

RELIEF DEPARTMENT QUESTION HELD OVER

Douglass Declares Efficiency of the Two Departments Is Impaired.

No consideration of the city's relief department will be held until the next regular session of the finance committee, Chairman Douglass stated.

Relief Inspector J. W. McCallum is reported ill at his residence and while the chairman urged his reinstatement in the meanwhile the committee would take no action, directing that the question be laid over until the inspector's return.

Ald. Douglass scores the attitude in this regard, charging that the economic and efficient administration of two departments is impaired through their lack of action.

He refers to the health and relief departments.

SMOKER WILL BE HELD FOR C. N. BOWLERS IN CITY

A smoker for the bowlers of the Canadian National Five Pin League which has concluded one of its successful seasons will be held on Wednesday May 14 in the dining room of the car shops.

Prizes will be distributed to the winning teams and a social evening will follow. It is expected that over two hundred will be in attendance representing every department of the railroad.

Meeting With Mayor Believed To Have Dealt With Railway Purchase.

VOTE IS NECESSARY

Negotiations With City Committee Would Save Cost of Arbitration.

There is every indication that the London street railway authorities and Mayor George Wenig are going to open negotiations at an early date, with a view toward the city's purchase of that road. The Advertiser has been informed.

Charles Currie, president of the street railway corporation, has returned to his headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, following the regular meeting held Monday at the street railway directors'. Before his departure he conferred with Mayor Wenig, and it is definitely known to The Advertiser that what transpired at that meeting had a direct bearing upon the proposal to sell out to the city by negotiation first and a vote of the people next December.

It is intimated that President Currie and representative shareholders of the London street railway will be ready to confer with Mayor Wenig and his councillors or a committee of the council within the near future. In fact, it has been stated that the date of the conference has been tentatively set. That progress in this direction will be made is forecasted, all other things being equal.

Directly questioned in this regard, Mayor Wenig declines to give the question any detailed publicity at this juncture, but it is evident from his attitude and the general attitude of the street railway authorities that preliminary overtures have emanated from both parties involved.

People To Settle.

Should the company authorities, in co-operative "round table" conference with Mayor Wenig and his councillors, agree upon a reasonable figure, the people would be naturally asked at the next municipal election (if an election is not permitted before) to say whether they want to buy at this figure or not.

While somewhat reticent on the subject, Mayor Wenig does extend hope and belief, however, that a company would be willing to negotiate with the city, save the high costs of arbitration, and send the costs to the people. The mayor insists that Sir Adam Beck, during several months negotiations with the company last year, had to come out at the city council president of the R. G. Ivey company, admitted quite recently that the sum of \$1,400,000 had been mentioned during their conferences, but never definitely set forth by them as the price to be sent to the people.

Waiting Decision.

In the meanwhile Sir Adam Beck's bill now waiting the pleasure of the Ontario Legislature, is designed to drive the fares back to seven and nine tickets for 25 cents, and the street railway authorities readily assume that this move is calculated to bring them to time, and offer to sell out at Sir Adam's figure \$1,000,000.

It is explained, however, that while a conference may be arranged and negotiations again opened, it does not necessarily follow that the latter is willing to "get out from under" as speedily as possible in view of Sir Adam's proposed amendment to the Drury five-cent legislation.

CLERKS IN DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED

Audit in Provincial Secretary's Office Is Now in Progress.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 8.—E. V. Donnelly, chief clerk and cashier at the provincial secretary's department, has been suspended as well as a junior clerk, by the name of Thomas.

Explanations as to the reasons for the suspensions have not been made public.

An audit of the department is in progress.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Modern house wanted.
Radio equipment for sale.
Forelady wanted.
A good place to eat.
Foxterrier lost.